

Advisory Group Combines With Other Agencies

With their office located on the 11th floor at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City, the Advisory Committee for Japanese Americans combined recently with the Committee on Resettlement of Japanese Americans and other agencies interested in nisei resettlement for the purpose of working in full cooperation with the War Relocation Authority and its Relocation Supervisor Robert Cullum in New York.

It has among its activities the meeting of trains, securing of suitable lodgings, and the offering of counsel and hospitality. Although niseis have not as yet arrived in considerable numbers the flow is steadily increasing according to this committee.

In New York and other eastern areas, the influx of the evacuees is still rather limited stated this committee. Robert Cullum reported however, that several thousands might eventually be expected into the east coast area and several hundred into the New York area. He stated that in his estimation, plenty of suitable jobs will be available for qualified evacuees seeking employment.

Whereas, a year ago, the activities of their office were largely centered in finding employment, today the picture is largely reversed, the committee reported. "The telephone is busy with calls from prospective employers looking for help, chiefly in household service. Even the War Relocation Authority office in the city has asked that people refrain from flooding it with appeals for such help. We think that those who come from the Relocation Centers to settle in these parts will not have difficulty in finding employment," they announced.

Surveys Conditions Prevalent in Camp

Working in conjunction with the church press promoting the student relocation program, H. A. Ehrensperger, editor of the Motive magazine, visited the center over the weekend surveying conditions prevalent in Manzanar so that he will be able to forward intelligent eye witness account of the doings of evacuees here.

Ehrensperger pointed out that there is a large number of colleges and universities in the United States, at the present, that are willing to accept evacuee students. Through the generous effort of the various Methodist churches throughout the nation, a sufficient fund has been raised in order that these institutions may continue with their present program.

Hailing from Nashville, Tennessee, he is affiliated with the Methodist church there and is expected to visit the relocation centers in Colorado for further reports on possibilities there.

Wage Summaries Given Recently

Summary of the wages specified in certain recent garment workers union contracts in different cities in the Middle West were made known today by Leave Officer Bertis Chamberlain who received this information from Chief Officer of Reports, John C. Baker.

Kansas City, Missouri: Cotton & rayon dresses... minimum time and piece, 40c per hour; apprentice cutters, \$26.00 per week; cutters, \$40.00 per week. Sportswear, piecework; \$45c hourly average in 4 weeks; hourly workers, 40c per hour; apprentice cloth spreaders, \$26.00 per week; cloth spreaders, \$40.00 per week.

Cotton & rayon dresses... cutters, \$40.00 per week; piece work to average 45c per hour; hourly minimum, 40c per hour. Silk

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Japanese Americans from Centers Working on Farms



About 1,200 workers from the WRA relocation centers, all of Japanese ancestry, are at transient labor camps and many more have left the centers to take seasonal and year-round employment on farms. These people were evacuated from the Pacific coast and quartered for a time in relocation centers. Now they are helping in the production of food needed by our soldiers and civilian population. WRA officials report.

NEW WRA RULING FOR WORKERS ON FURLOUGH GIVEN

Evacuees on seasonal leave who wish to go to some other locality on indefinite leave and who need financial assistance to get to the new place of employment should apply to the nearest relocation officer instead of returning to the Center, WRA ruled this week.

The ruling is based on a supplement to the administrative instruction which covers the payment of transportation and initial living expense grants.

Ordinarily, evacuees on seasonal leave earn enough to enable them to get started in a permanent job without financial assistance from the government. For that reason, the instruction states, a grant will be issued to an applicant on seasonal leave only after a careful check of his cash resources.

Specifically prohibited by the instruction are grants "where an evacuee (on seasonal leave) has returned to a relocation center merely to secure such assistance and to leave for other employment on indefinite leave and the travel back to the project and to the place of indefinite leave is substantially in excess of the travel distance from the place of seasonal leave to the initial destination on indefinite leave."

REPORT BOOST IN POPULATION

Due to the return of the furlough workers, there has been an increase in the population during the period of June 26 to July 2, it was reported by Mrs. Tommie Heath of the Statistics Office. It is now 8687 compared to 8640 of

dresses & sportswear... finishers (hand sewers) 48c per hour; pressers, 59c per hour; cutters, \$43.00 per week; choppers, \$36.00 per week; spreaders, 1st year \$27.00 per week. Piece rates... females, first six months with no previous experience, 40c per hour. Reclassified after 6 months. Examiners, first 6 months, 46c per hour.

School Standard Met By Manzanar Junior College

According to an announcement made by Dr. W. Melvin Strong, Director of Adult Education, the Manzanar Junior College has been officially recognized and accredited by the California State Department of Education.

STANDARDS MET

A letter received by Ralph P. Merritt from Walter F. Dexter, Superintendent of Public Instruction and Director of Education of the California State Department of Education, states that "with respect to the qualifications of teachers, the course of study, school facilities, and the organization and supervision of instruction, the junior college at Manzanar War Relocation Area met the standards contained in the California School Code and the Rules and Regulations of the California State Board of Education for public junior colleges.

13 EVACUEE TEACHERS

Seventy students received credit from the Manzanar Junior College for the semester ending May 14. Students were enrolled in 28 classes in 20 subjects taught by 20 teachers, 13 of whom were evacuees. Now that the junior college has been recognized by the State Department of Education, college students who transfer to other schools may present for credit courses taken at Manzanar.

Transcripts and other records of work done at the Manzanar Junior College are kept on file at the Adult Education Office, 1-3-2. These records will later be sent to the W.R.A. office in Washington for permanent filing at the Office of the Director of Education, War Relocation Authority, Washington, D.C.

last week. In the same period, ten persons were issued indefinite leave, eight leaving to accept job offers and two for induction in the armed forces.

DECREASE NOTED LAST MONTH AS 68 TERMINATE

During the month of June, evacuee employment at the project dropped 68 workers, leaving a total of 4294 workers employed. Of this total, the Community Enterprise accounts for 225 employees.

741 persons have left under indefinite leave during the month of June. Sixty-five seasonal workers returned during June, leaving 487 still out on seasonal leave.

The Placement Office handled 1012 individual transactions during the month of June, consisting of 226 assignments, 237 transfers, 103 reclassifications, 279 terminations, 127 referrals, and 40 registrations.

The requirements of the various divisions for personnel have been met.

The workers assigned have not been as experienced as the ones they have replaced. 146 part-time workers were employed during the month of June, most of them receiving training and conditioning.

The talks given by the Project Director emphasizing the 8-hour day, have resulted in improvement toward carrying out of the 8-hour day policy.

BLOCK 14 GIVES \$68.15 DONATION

Donations received in the recent Appreciation drive for hospital workers amounted to \$1309.28, with Block 14 contributing the largest amount of \$68.15.

The expenditures were as follows: appreciation to the medical staff and hospital workers, \$1032.89; appreciation party, \$86.80; miscellaneous expense, \$7.55, bringing the total expenditure to \$1127.24 and a balance of \$182.04.

Special treasurers for the accounting were, Kanematsu Osa-wa, Joe Shikami, and Chokichi Nakano.

Regulations On Works, Picnic Passes Stated

A bulletin on regulations governing work and picnic passes was released this week by Project Director Ralph P. Merritt.

According to this release, all work parties shall be made out by the appointed personnel supervisor of the crew, initiated by the division head and signed by Assistant Project Director Robert L. Brown. A work party is defined as any crew on the Federal payroll. No others are included.

Government motorized equipment shall be used only for official work parties and James L. MacNair, superintendent of Motor Pool shall check all requisitions for motorized equipment against work passes to see that this equipment is not misused, the rules instructed. It also stated that official work parties shall use all gates from the Center into the areas and cautioned them not to crawl through the fences as this is strictly against military regulations.

Upon presentation of their identification cards, received from their respective block managers, all residents shall use the WEST GATE only and proceed to the picnic grounds numbers 1 and 2 either by the road running south or the new trail on the southwest corner of the Center to the picnic grounds. This is for the safety of the residents since the meadow will be under irrigation and will have 400 head of Mexican cattle pastured there. Residents must sign with their respective block managers before going on picnics for adequate control of picnic groups, the regulations continued.

GROUP PASS FORM

Special parties such as the Boy Scouts, YMCA, or school groups who wish to use Reynolds' Ranch must sign with the block manager's office as a GROUP and must carry a group pass form similar to the work party form. These people will use the south gate and not the west gate, it said.

The West gate is to be used by all picnic parties, the south gate by special groups destined for Reynolds' Ranch, to save both lives and property because of the cattle in the field and to keep a minimum of people in the farm area during harvest time.

Enemy Repulsed by U.S. Fighting-Evatt

NEW YORK, July 7—(OWI Release)—Though Japan has been able to consolidate and lock up its new possessions and all their valuable resources in the occupied territories surrounding the China Seas, she has been repulsed by the steady and brilliant fighting of the forces of the United Nations, Herbert V. Evatt, Australian Foreign Minister said recently.

At one time there was every indication that the enemy would continue its tremendous southern thrust. "At that time," Mr. Evatt said, "not a single modern fighter aeroplane was available to the gallant defending forces." Through lack of manpower, aircraft and other equipment a large portion of Australia could not have been defended during the period in question, it was revealed by American Army authorities. There is no telling what the result would have been if New Guinea had fallen and the Australian mainland had been attacked immediately. The dangers in the Pacific were not confined to Australia. The weak position in New Caledonia and the immediate fate of New Zealand was largely dependent upon the fate of Australia.

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